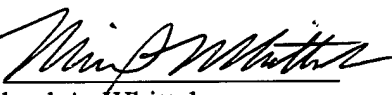


**REMARKS**

Claims 74-100 are currently pending in the application. Appellant has amended claims 89 and 95 herein merely for the purpose of correcting typographic error. These amendments do not alter the scope of the claims.

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Appendix A: Marked-up version of claims, showing amendments

89. (Amended) A method for determining the presence or amount of a plurality of target ligands in a sample, the method comprising:

contacting the diagnostic element of claim [1] 74 with

(i) a sample, and

(ii) a labeled reagent that binds to said plurality of target ligands,

whereby said sample and said labeled reagent flow through said capillary space for capture of each said target ligand at its corresponding capture zone; and

generating a plurality of detectable signals from label bound to each target ligand at its corresponding capture zone, whereby said signals are related to the presence or amount of said plurality of target ligands in said sample.

95. (Amended) A method for determining the presence or amount of a plurality of target ligands in a sample, the method comprising:

contacting the diagnostic element of claim [1] 74 with

(i) a sample, and

(ii) a plurality of ligand analogue conjugates, each ligand analogue conjugate corresponding to one of said plurality of target ligands,

whereby said sample and said plurality of ligand analogue conjugates flow through said capillary space, whereby each target ligand competes with its corresponding ligand analogue conjugate for capture at its corresponding capture zone; and

generating a plurality of detectable signals from ligand analogue conjugate bound at its

corresponding capture zone, whereby said signals are related to the presence or amount of said plurality of target ligands in said sample.